

## Spring is a time for nest building.

Challenge: Using just two fingers, can you build a nest? Make one, take a picture and send it to us.



What you need:

Sticks                      Grass                      Pine Needles                      Leaves                      Newspaper

Other stuff you find outside that you think would be good for a nest

What to Do:

- Think about what goes into making a bird's nest. What material do birds find for nests? What might be in your backyard or park that birds might use to make a nest?
- Start looking for items. What is sturdy enough for a nest? Do you need lots of twigs or sticks? Will grass and leaves and other items important to make the nest strong but soft for baby birds?
- Gather nest material and place on the newspaper.
- Use the items you've gathered to make a bird's nest. Weave items together and try to use only 2 fingers to copy how birds only use their beaks to make the nest.
- Were you able to make a nest? Can you fasten it to a tree limb, in the shade so birds can use it for their babies?
- **Take a picture of your nest. Send it to us and we may show it in our next Nature News. Send it to csuits@q.com.**